If Spain is really to very friendly to this country and so much in need of money, it might sell Uncle Sam a faw warships.

Senator Tillman demands that Port Royal harbor shall be protected from foreign foes. What's the use? If war comes Tillman could easily run down there with his pitchfork.

The cause of labor ought to be Indig nant at the statement that only 1,299 out of 1,000,000 deaths are due to gout No laborer can afford the luxury. Their dying must be of diseases belonging to the plebeian variety.

If the vave of universal peace which a western evangelist says he sees hovering in the air is really at that altitude it is going to drop its office branch and become very tired before it comes down. There is no country which isn't at war or talking war; and the conservative old Chicago Tribune declares that war between Spain and this country actually began with the blowing up of the Maine, and is now being prosecuted with such vigor that the bird is liable to be frightened to death,

The Illinois legislature, at its last session, passed a bill materially changing the school law as applied to expenses and assessments for building purposes. The old law allowed 2 per cent of the valuation for purpose of expenses and 3 per cent for building purposes. The change in the law al lows 21/2 per cent for running expense: and the same amount for building purposes. This change will prove very accentable to the school boards through out the state, as many of them have been unable to meet current expenses on the 2 per cent. This latter fact was due to the very low assessments in the state.

The latest novelty in the way of dinner was given last week by Lispen ard Stewart, a New York swell. He invited twenty-five of his friends to ding at Martin's restaurant, where they found an elaborate spread and a beau tiful table decorated with white tulips lilles of the valley and maiden-hair fern. When four courses had been served-oysters, soup and fish and an entree-the ladies resumed their wraps and took carriages furnished by their host to the Hoffman house, where haunch of English mutton was served with Brussels sprouts and a grand display of violets. When this was eaten the party re-entered their carriages and drove to the Waldorf-Astoria, where they finished the dinner amid a most gorgeous spread of orchids. This progressive plan will no doubt be imitated by more than one society ape.

The senate committee on commercial is considering the arguments made by representatives of the National Bustuess league and the National Board o Trade in the interest of the establish ment of a new department of the government to be called the department o commerce and industries, and to be presided over by a cabinet officer. The arguments were generally made along the lines that the United States is the only country of importance which has not a department corresponding to the one proposed, and that the national in dustries and commerce could neve: have the supervision their importanc: demands without having separate su pervision, and that it would not be satisfactory to place this work to charge of a bureau officer of the agricultural department for the reason that the department was already doing at that could well be expected of it.

A Minnesota correspondent of the New York Sun states that in the past few years the quality of wheat grown in the northwest has deteriorated. Ten years ago No. 1 hard was the contract grade in terminal markets, and for several years considerably over half the wheat received at Duluth was the famous No. 1 hard. Later this grade became scarcer and the grain dirtler so that contract grade was reduced from No. 1 hard to No. 1 northern. The crop of the last year has been alarmingly short of even No. 1 northern not 15 per cent of the wheat received at Minneapolis for months having come up to grade. The cause of this is supposed to be due more to a continual use of the same seed than to impoverishment of the soil, and a genera effort is being made in both states to import seed. Scotch fife wheat from further north, Manitoba, and the vallevs of the Saskatchewan and Peace rivers, will be sought, and it is hoped to so improve the strains of wheat in the states that for years No. 1 hard wil again be common. It takes less of hard wheat to make a barrel of flour than of any other grade.

In a crowded church in Poughkeepsig recently the service had to be stopped while several fainting women were carried from the room. Investigation revealed that after the meeting the preceding Sunday the sexton had closed the church without airing it, and the vitiated atmosphere had been reheated for another audience. It is as much a crime for housekeepers and janitors to for aish their families and guests with impure air, as it would be to set before them unwholesome food. Indeed, a man can live longer without food than without air.

Cubans, under Spanish rule, are nothing less than slaves. There's no room for slavery on the American continent. Congress should give Cubans their absolute freedom and then free the American people from robber monopolists and their thieving trusts.

Gen. Weyler was asked his opinion of the proposal to purchase Cuba from Spain, and he said: "Such a thing is not in accordance with Spanish ideas Spain is too proud to sell her birthright for a mess of pottage." Proud,

W. D. Hackstedt writes from Cadil-Mich., to explain a process by which potatoes can be preserved perfeetly fresh and palatable for hundreds of years. He says a company has been formed and machinery ordered. He expects Klondikers will be pleased to learns this news. He expects to begin operations when the next potato crop is gathered.

Clothes are sald to make the mun ont acknowledgments are also due the uan who keeps the buttons sewed



BY THE WAY, SPAIN IS A GOLD STANDARD COUNTRY.

## TREASURY

PATRIOTS" WHO ARE CAREFUL OF OUR "NATIONAL HONOR."

low They Cause Runs on the Treasury Charges Aid Them in Their Unpatriot

If our exports of merchandise amount o \$100,000,020 more than our imports. then with all other conditions equal, \$100,000,000 in specie would come to us in settlement of the balance.

But if we had an interest charge of \$100,000,000 to pay, or if we paid a like sum in freights, or if American travelers used the same amount in meeting expenses of their journeyings in any of these cases the balance due us would be absorbed and we would get no specie from other countries, unless it were sent here simply for invest-

Hence we see that in dealing with the movements of specie we cannot confine our observations to trade balances alone. If we had no foreign payments to make except for current purchases of goods, we would have no trouble about our reserves of either gold or silver, for the balances are almost universally our way.

But we have heavy charges to meet entirely separate and apara from any matter connected with the mere exchange of goods. Our foreign debt has been variously estimated at from \$5,-000,000,000 to \$8,000,000,000,

Very little of this vast sum has been actually sent here for investment. The great bulk of it is the result of reinrestment of profits, which profits themselves came from the labors of the American people. But the interest upon it has to be paid just the same. So do the freight charges and the expenses of American travelers.

The aggregate amount of these can only be estimated, but it is certainly not less than \$150,000,000, and it is probably considerably in excess of that sum. During the last year cur sales of goods exceeded-our purchases something like \$357,000,000. And yet the exports and imports of gold very nearly balance

each other. This startling circumstance can be accounted for in no other way than by reference to the demands which Europe holds against us in the shape of interest, freights and travelers' expenses. But commercial conditions during the last year have been altogether abnormal. Our shipments of wheat and other food products have been extraordinary.

Under average crop abroad, we cannot reasonably expect a balance of more than half what it was last year. With smaller exports and lower prices, as the London Financial News says, a drain of gold will begin again. Runs upon the treasury will be sure to follow unless the banks furnish the gold for export, which they probably will not do.

They will prefer to draw it from the reasury, induce the administration to issue more bonds, and then ascribe it to the "silver agitation."

As already stated the great financiers can to a considerable extent control the movements of gold. They can guard the treasury against

'runs''

by furnishing from their own

vaults the gold needed for export, as they did prior to 1893. They can, for a time, check the international movements of gold by manipulating the exchange, or by not insisting upon the immediate payment of their dues. But in the long run gold is

bound to go where the commercial de-

mand for it is the strongest. A tremendous struggle for it is going on all the time, and as the gold standard is extended to more and more nations it becomes more and more intense. In such a struggle the debtor states are at a dreadful disadvantage. They can only get gold by paying more for it than the creditor nations will.

That is, they must put down the prices of the things which they sell. The lower the prices fall the more goods it takes to pay a given amount of debt, and the more goods are sold the lower the prices will go, until a are interested in preventing the mopoint is reached at which the debts nopoly of Chinese trade over large dicannot be paid at all, and then comes the national bankruptey.

Of course, with our immense sources such a condition may not be mmediately at hand, but under the gold standard the tendencies are all that way.

Dress may influence a woman, but it's the hat that dominates her.

SHARKS. | A REPUBLICAN CONSPIRACY. Alliance with England.

To a correspondent Mr. Duncombe explained that the question of which he gave notice in the house of commons, whether the British fleet would Through the Weakness of the Gold be placed at the disposal of the United Standard Europe's Abnormal Interest | States in case this country should become involved in a foreign war, proceeded from a growing feeling that it was time to notify mankind that the two great English-speaking peoples in-

tended to stand together.

While Mr. Duncombe refrained from asking the question, admitting that it was "premature," and not satisfactority formulated, there seems to be no doubt that he gave expression, however inconsiderately, to a growing sentiment the state of Michigan. He called the in England. For some years past there have been many indications of a dis- take such action as will reach the "tax position on the part of British states- dodgers," including railroad and other men (the money power; the average corporations, and he has given notice Englishman loves his country and that in his special message he will give hates Americans for twice chastising the names and postoffice addresses of England) to cultivate the friendship of all the tax dodgers in the state. And the United States. American ambases now he startles all concerned by issuconsideration by the moneyed Interests. In view of the unquestioned navval superiority of Great Britain, remarkable readiness was evinced to accept the American suggestion in vegard to the Venezuela dispute. The money power did it. It was not through the fault of the British goverament that the general arbitration may come before him in his public treaty was a failure.

Britain has no very cordial friends on tion to the fact that he is required the continent of Europe, and that, in- by the constitution to take care that an emergency which may arise at any not content with this intimation of time. Such is the situation that they what is to happen in this connection, have turned toward this country and he asks good citizens to call the attenstudied the possibility of an alliance. notwithstanding our traditional policy of avoiding entangling alliances, the republican party (that is the leaders) they have a strong ally.

We cannot deny that they have found something to encourage them in the course recently pursued by many of our politicians, and especially by those who shape the policy of the party now in power. In the attempt to annex the Hawaiian islands and in the shape of railroad passes. Pingree is arguments used by republican politicians in support of that attempt, as in poker. various other acts and utterances, they have seen a disposition to abandon our self-contained policy and to enter upon one of aggression and of commercial and territorial aggrandizement.

They cannot have failed to notice as significant what has been said concerning our commercial interests in Asia, especially our eagerness to share | keeping the nation's credit as inviolate in what bids fair to be the profitable as is kept the credit of France and work of equipping China with the costly industrial and commercial mechanism of the modern world. Observing these things, they are encouraged to think that we may be impelled by greenbacks in gold and thus encourage community of interest to depart so far from our traditional policy as to con- tacks on the national credit. France slder the expediency of an alliance does nothing of the kind. Neither with Great Britain for the purpose of does Germany, and yet these countries converting the Chinese empire in com- are held up by American financiers as mercial slavery for the benefit of the models of sound credit. In discussing money power. It is the most infamous the recent action of the Bank of

own country comes next, with a largalso with a larger share than all conof a large part of the ancient empire, not by commercial methods, but by conquest, and Germany and France fol-

low the Russian example. England insists upon open ports and no monopoly of trade. In doing so to urge congress to destroy a financial she needs support. To attempt to en- system which, properly pursued, is force her demands single-handed would be dangerous, not to say foolhardy. What more natural, then, than to turn to the United States and Japan, which, next to England, have the most com merce with China, and both of which visions of the empire by Russia France and Germany?

Consdering these things, we . may easily believe that Great Britain would be well pleased to have us join in a he had fallen out of a window or triple niliance for the purpose of mainaining the territorial integrity of China and keeping the trade of the entire empire during the promised era of isn't a drop left in the house,

| awakening and progress open to all

the world. If we annex Hawaii we may be drawn into an entangling alliance of this kind. But we have not annexed Hawali yet. The chances are that the annexationists will not beguile us into the adoption of a colonial policy wholly out of harmony with our political system. And if they fall in that there is no great danger that we will be led into a dangerous alliance with England and Japan. Mark Hanns and the money power are conspiring to bring it about. They will fail.

Pingree Stirs Them Up.

Governor Pingree is making things hot for the corrupt republican party in legislature together in extra session to dors have been treated with marked ing a proclamation calling attention to two provisions of the statutes of the state prescribing penalties, one for offering, the other for accepting, any bribe to or by any executive, legislative or judicial officer of the state, or any gift or gratuity with intent to influence his action on any matter that capacity. Governor Pingree declares that under these provisions of law the So far as British bond holders are acceptance of a pass on any railroad of concerned it is a matter of cool cal- the state by any such person is a culation. They realize that Great crime. Furthermore, he directs attendeed, it may find itself quite alone in the laws are faithfully executed. And, tion of the proper officers in their re-

spective countles to violations of the law and upon justices of the peace, prosecuting attorneys and the higher courts to see that offenses against the law are properly dealt with, He evidently doesn't want to have the members of the legislature whom he has called together to put just taxes on railroads come to the capitol with a lot of bribes in their pockets in the

Bank of France Not a week ago the Bank of France refused to redeem its notes in gold,

stirring up the elephant with a hot

and refused to sell gold at a premium. Not half a week ago the secretary of the United States treasury urged the people of the country to insist on Germany, But the secretary of the treasury in this country insists on maintaining

"endless chain" by redeeming

ing money speculators to make at-

the

proposition since the beginning of the France a New York banker says; France and Germany are often referred to as gold standard countries. They That country has the lion's share of are really, however, on a bimetallic the world's commerce with China. Our basis, for they redeem their notes in gold or in silver, as they please, and er share than all continental Europe are very sure to redeem them in silcombined. And Japan stands third, ver if it is thought that gold is desired for export. The United States and tinental Europe. Now comes Russia England are the only real gold standand seeks to monopolize the commerce and countries. Both redeem their notes in gold on demand." It is certainly disingenuous for the secretary of the United States treasury to praise France and Germany for their financial wisdom, and in the same breath parallel to that of the countries named. There is no more necessity

> greenbacks. Miss Hawkins-My father comes of a very distinguished family. Miss Buzzley-Oh, that's it? I thought perhaps thing when he was a child,

for the "endless chain" in the United

States than there is in France and

Germany. It is simply a creation of

the gold clique in order that it may be

used as an argument to destroy the

A man is out of spirits when there

'ye old-time lady'a" cheek,

Some Current Notes of the Modes-Military Jackets. Spring Jackets-The Military Jacket Goods of Smooth Platel-Bints for the Household. The Two Maidens.

One came with light and laughing air, And cheek like opening blossom— Fright gems were twined and her hair, And glittered on her bosom, and pearls and costly diamonds deck fer round, white arms and lovely neck. like summer's sky, with stars bedight,

The jewiled robe ground her,
And dazzling as the nontide light
The radiant zone that bound her—
And pride and joy were in her eye,
And mortals bowed as she passed by. Another came: o'er her sweet face A pensive shade was stealing: Yet there no grief of carth we trace— But the heaven-hallowed feeling Which mourns the heart should ever

AND MATRONS.

stray From the pure fount of truth away.

Around her brow, as snowdrop fair, The glossy tresses cluster, Nor pearl nor ornament was there, Save the meek spirit's lustre; And faith and hope beamed in her eye and angels bowed as she passed by.

Eggs as Food. Would it not be wise to substitute more eggs for meat in our daily dict? About one-third of an egg is solid nutriment. This is more than can be said of meat. There are no bones, no tough pieces that have to be laid aside. A good egg is made up of ten parts shell, sixty parts white and thirty parts yolk. The white of an egg contains 66 per cent water and the yolk 52 per cent. Practically an egg is animal food, and yet there is none of the disagreeable work of the butcher necessary to obtain it. The vegetarians of England use eggs freely; and many of these men are eighty and ninety years old, and have been remarkably free from sickness. Eggs are best when cooked four minutes; this takes away leather belt to match the satin adds persons possessed of stout stomachs; such eggs should be eaten with bread and masticated very fiely. An egg spread on toast is fit for a king-f kings deserve better food than anybody else. Fried eggs are much less wholesome than boiled ones. An egg dropped into hot water is not only a a smooth finish and narrow, close wale clean and handsome, but a delicious in double width, and less than \$1 p morsel. Most people spoil the taste of yard. Alongside this admirable goods feet long. For shallow water a scistheir eggs by adding pepper and sait. Is French finetta, a light, springy woo

FOR WOMEN AND HOME ford of similitudes find the black cat NEW BOSTON PEARLS. Spring is the Time silken fold of a lady's dressing gown TEMS OF INTEREST FOR MAIDS has in the tout ensemble all the chie NEW ADDITIONS TO THE WORLD of a beauty patch, saucily placed upon

> There is a certain style of pretty girl who always looks well in anything mill tary or mannish-perhaps by force of contrast. It is unsafe for the girl of doubtful comeliness to trench on man's attire in the slightest degree, but the pretty girl dares anything in dress and is not often the worse for it.

The jacket here shown is sure to be ecoming to a pretty girl, and is so softened with the fall of lace in front that she whose loveliness is even be low par may venture to wear it. It is made of striped silk, with the stripes running horizontally and suggesting military braid. The plain, stiff lapels, which merge into a medici collar, are made of satin and trimmed with small brass buttons down the front. A



the animal taste, which is offensive to some, but does not harden the white or yolk so as to make them difficult to lieve the stiffness sufficiently for any digest. An egg if cooked very hard body of the most frivolous tastes, Lace is difficult of digestion, except by those also falls over the hand, in the correct

> A list of the good, new light-weight woolens includes costume serge, with



NEW FRENCH APRONS.

A little sweet butter is the best dress- novelty cloth, wide brown and green ing. Eggs contain much phosphorous, wool velours, and soft striped London which is supposed to be beneficial to suitings. Just now there are no better those who use their brains much.

Ladles's Blouse Jacket. Whatever variety of spring wraps may be developed as the season advances, the modified blouse can be relied upon to be absolutely correct. The design shown combines the fitted back with slightly pouched front, and can be worn open, revealing the full front or jabot of lace, or closed to the throat, as preferred. As illustrated the material is covert cloth, in blended tones of tan and green, but any of the spring suitings are equally appropriate. The The two fronts, which are extended to



which meets the revers in uneven notches. When worn open, the fronts are simply rolled back; when closed, they are brought together at the neck and fastened by means of hook and loop. The basque portion is attached at the walst line, the seam being concealed by a belt of black satin. The sleeves are two-seamed and fit snugly. At the wrists are simple roll-over cuffs, edged with braid like that which finishes the revers. With the jacket is worn a jaunty toque of straw, trimmed sait, one-eighth teaspoonful of white with velvet and ostrich feathers.

Why Cats Are So Popular

Is it due to the rage for Delsarte that cats have come so into popularity? "Study the feline," says the propound er of Delsartian principles, "and you will come to the secret of combined strength and grace." That does not explain why black cats are so univer- der the high fur collars of coats and sally preferred. There is a particular piquancy about a black cat, especially emphasized against the delicate tints now in vogue of house gowns. At any rate, women who do not ignore the most triffing detail of their surroundings affect the coal-black pussy, who hunches herself contentedly and reminds one of a punctuation mark

selections to be made in the shops, while on the silk counter brocaded taffetas lead everything else. Every day, in the airy mart of cotton things, there | cleverly devised and artfully constructis a fresh temptation to extravagance. ed steam dredge does the work speed-It would seem that she who walks in this very American attire will siller hae strong construction and wide grasp, to spare, because she can buy the sweetest of printed lawns, dimities and nain- packing, propelled with a powerful sook at 10 cents a yard. Lovely pat- engine, with an equipment of five men, terns, too, and the pretty trifles go by various names-carmelite, mullette, and | ten tons of marketable shells in a day. such fanciful titles. Something more costly, but betraying exceeding taste

backs are seamed at the center and and originality on the part of the joined to the fronts by means of side- manufacturers, are the boxed dress patbacks, but the fronts are fitted by terms of white applique lawn. This is shoulder and under-arm seams only. predestined to take the place entirely of the once well-loved brown batiste and the form revers, are self-faced and fin- the white embroidered lawn. The apished with a narrow fancy braid. At plique is edged all about with a fine the neck is a high, standing collar, line of black needlework, and a white organdie, flowered over with pale lavender and deep purple iris blossoms, set in a delicate black framework, is a delectable sight to beauty-loving eyes,

> Cigarette Smoking Among Women. There is no doubt that the number of women who indulge in the cigarette is largely on the increase, and it is no onger true to say that the only ladies who smoke are bohemians. There could be no better proof of the vogue which the eigarette is enjoying among womankind than the fact that various branches of the trade have started to cater for women smokers. All the smoking implements are constructed n the costlicat and prettiest fashion. The cigarettes are made up in satin cases with puffed sides, which might used as jewel caskets when empty. Cigarettes, if often used, leave a telltale stain on the thumb, so to protect my lady's pink fingers cigarette tongs of the prettiest description are manufactured. A favorite smoking cap is the Turkish fez, which is always becoming to a pretty face, especially when worn in conjunction with n smoking-coat or Japanese kimono.

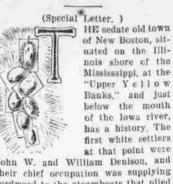
Creamed Cysters in Chafing Dish. Drain sixteen large oysters in a sieve, nelt half teaspoonful of butter in the blazer, add half teaspoonful of flour, stir and cook two minutes; add half cupful of milk and half cupful of oyster liquor, season with half teaspoonful of pepper, stir and cook till smooth, add the oysters, cook a few minutes, then serve with crackers or pour over four slices of teast.

The Velvet Collarette A dainty accessory for the street is the collarette of velvet or ribbon and tion of city refuse, lace which goes around the neck uncapes. It is made in colors to match hat or dress or of any color which may be preferred if the hat and dress chance to be black.

In the Heat of the Chase First Cannibal-"That missionary certainly a first-class sprinter." Becond Cannibal-"Yes; he'll make quaintly put. Indeed, those who are a nice quick lunch for two."-Facts.

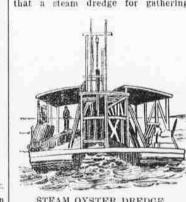
OF COMMERCE.

Profitable Industry of a Town That Abraham Lincoln Laid Out and That Once Suffered a Decline Now Fujoying a Boom.



their chief occupation was supplying cordwood to the steamboats that plied the waters of the Upper Mississippi, and found a convenient harbor in Sturgeon bay, formed by the widening of the river channel near that point The original survey and the plat of the town-still in existence and in a good state of preservation-was made by Abraham Lincoln in September, 1834. This was the first white settle ment in Illinois between Rock Island on the north and Ogawawka, at the "Lower Yellow Banks," on the south; and, on the organization of the county of Mercer, in 1835, the village was designated by legislative act as the first county seat, but the honor was soon after lost in the current of events. Since then, and until within the past two years, the town has declined, and its business has dwindled until it has ecome a mere reminiscence of the prosperity of its former years. But recent discoveries have developed new industries and again old New Boston is one of the liveliest and busiest towns in Northwestern Illinois. At the battom of the river and on

and around the shoals near the great banks of yellow sand, fresh-water mussels-the Unio Pictorum of Linnaeus -live and grow and thrive in countess numbers, and the gathering of these by dredging, for their shells, from which are cut the buttons known to the trade as "pearl," gives constant and profitable employment to hundreds of men, women and children. From the deep water the mollusks are gathered by shoulder rakes, composed of squared steel teeth set in a flat bar of iron twenty inches long, with a frame of round iron, and a handle eighteen sors rake, made on the principle of a pair of shears, is used with very satisfactory results. At the present price of shells-\$10 per net ton-these gleaners can easily earn from \$2 to \$4 a day each. During the open river season a fleet of seventy or more small boats, manned by these dredgers, is a common sight. In the winter the search is continued with good results in channels cut through the ice. The hand dredging will be continued, but a new and a better way has been found. It has been claimed and contended that a steam dredge for gathering



STEAM OYSTER DREDGE.

ysters and clama could never be made a success, but this theory must give way to the present condition. New Boston has opened the shell and let the secret out. "The Klondyke," a ily and well. A "basket" dredge of with attachments for cooking and gathers, cooks and sacks from five to The total output of shells by hand and steam dredging during the past year was 2,000 tons or more. After extraction, the mollusks are examined carefully for the pearls that are often "in their midst." This search gives constant-but sometimes precarious-employment to a number of people. Last season one pearl, valued at \$100, several worth from \$5 to \$25 each, and many others of lesser size and value were found.

New York and Philadelphia furnish the markets for most of the shells that are gathered there, and their products; but "pearl" buttons are cut in a small way at Keithsburg, Ill., and on a much larger scale at Muscatine, Ia., and both of these plants are supplied by New Boston. Much of the process of button making is a secret. The shells are first soaked in water for twenty-four hours to soften them and prevent dust in sawing. The buttons in various sizes are cut by rotary disk saws, held in a stationary frame and driven by a line shaft. Underneath this the shells are held in a movable frame, operated by a foot lever. The cutting is done from the inner side, and the shells are kept moist by sprays of water. The disks are then planed, "centered" and drilled by clever mechanical devices. The "finishing" is a secret process, known only to the trade,

The Life of a Trolley Car Wheel. What is the life of a trolley-car wheel? The United Traction company, of Pittsburg, reports the average life of its wheels to be about 35,000 miles, and estimates that about one-third of this life is secured by prompt grinding when the wheels become flat. This company, as well as some others, buys ts wheels with the guarantee of a 33,-000-mile life, and if they should require renewing before that time the wheels are replaced at the expense of the manufacturing company, while if the life should prove to be longer the company receives a corresponding credit,

Getting Steam Cheaply. A notable event in municipal engineering is the operation of an electripiant at Shoreditch, London, in which the steam is generated by the combus-

An Ingenious Knife Gelaster A one-legged knife grinder in Philadelphia has taught a Newfoundland dog to turn his grindstone

Many Ways of Cooking Potatos There are 100 different ways of proparing potatoes for the table

The joke writer has a funny way of

When Impurities in the Blood Should Be Expelled

America's Greatest Medicine is the Best Spring Medicine.

In winter months the perspiration, so profuse in summer, almost ceases. This throws back into the system the impurities that should have been expelled through the pores of the skin. This and other causes makes the blood impure in spring. Boils, pimples, humors and eruptions then appear or some more serious disease may take its start. Hood's Sursaparilla is the remedy for impure blood in all its forms, as proved by its marvelous cures of blood diseases. It is therefore the medicine for you to take in the spring. It expells all humors, and put the whole system in good condition for warmer weather.

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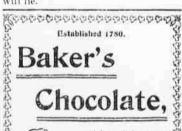
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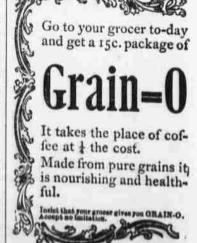


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